

Regular Council Meeting
September 12, 2006

Mayor Marse called to order the regular scheduled meeting of September 12, 2006 at 7:00 pm.

Members Present: Mayor J.M. Marse, Council members Jean Arrant, Mike Helton, Ray Jackson, Earl King and Charlie Simmons were present. Also present: City Attorney Clayton Adkinson, City Clerk Robin Haynes and City Planner Latilda Henninger.

Councilman Helton gave the invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Councilman Jackson motioned to accept the minutes of the council workshops on August 1, 2006 and August 3, 2006 and the regular council meeting on August 8, 2006, Councilman Helton seconded. There was no public or council discussion, the motion carried 5-0.

Attorney Adkinson announced that this was the first public hearing for the proposed budget. There were no comments from the public. Councilman King motioned to adopt the tentative millage rate at 3.93%, Councilman Simmons seconded. There was no public or council discussion, the motion carried 5-0.

Councilman King motioned to adopt the tentative budget at \$3,316,758.00, Councilman Jackson seconded. There was no public or council discussion, the motion carried 5-0.

Councilman Helton motioned to advertise for adoption and to set the final budget hearing for September 26, 2006 at 6:00 pm, Councilman King seconded. There was no public or council discussion, the motion carried 5-0.

There were no planning items presented.

There were no legal matters presented.

Mr. Tonny Peters presented the council with an estimate for a new wellsite in the North Bay area to service a proposed development by Trout Branch, LLC. This well would be connected to our current system at a later date. Council agreed for Peters Municipal to send the developer the proposal.

Mr. Peters told the council Peters Municipal and the Walton County engineers had been meeting in an attempt to work out a joint traffic concurrency recommendation. Mr. Peters requested a motion to proceed with the concurrency meetings. Councilman King motioned for Peters Municipal to continue meeting with County engineers in an attempt to work out a common traffic concurrency model, Councilman Jackson seconded. There was no public or council discussion, the motion carried 5-0.

Mr. Brian Crumbaker requested that the continued public hearing from the August 24, 2006 council meeting regarding the Magnolia Creek Community Development District be opened and that council allow the second reading and adoption of the proposed ordinance. Attorney Adkinson asked the audience if there were any public comments. There were no comments from the public. Councilman King motioned to allow the second reading and adoption of the ordinance establishing the Magnolia Creek Community Development District, Councilman Helton seconded. There was no additional public or council discussion, the motion carried 5-0. Attorney Adkinson performed the second reading and ordinance #06-26 was adopted.

Old business:

Clerk Haynes requested council to set a special council meeting to interview applicants for the utility billing position. Councilman Jackson motioned to set a special council meeting for September 26, 2006 at 6:15 pm, Councilman Helton seconded. There was no public or council discussion, the motion carried 5-0.

Councilman Simmons requested approval to continue working on an interlocal agreement with Walton County Fire Rescue for a three year phase merger. Councilman King motioned to approve a three year phase merging of the Freeport Fire Department with Walton County Fire Rescue subject to attorney approval of the agreement, Councilman Helton seconded. There was no public or council discussion, the motion carried 5-0.

New business:

Clerk Haynes requested a motion for a resolution allowing for the submission of two FRDAP grants for the Freeport Park. Councilman King motioned to adopt the proposed resolution, Councilman Simmons seconded. There was no public or council discussion, the motion carried 5-0. Resolution #06-16 was adopted.

Councilman Helton motioned to pay all bills in order, Councilman Jackson seconded. There was no public or council discussion. The motion carried 5-0.

Mayor Marse informed council that there were two bids received for the interim financing of the new city hall building. First National Bank & Trust bid 3.60% and Regions Bank bid 4.30%. Councilman Jackson motioned to accept the low bid of 3.6% by First National Bank & Trust subject to USDA Rural Development approval, Councilman Simmons seconded. There was no public or council discussion, the motion carried 5-0.

Councilman King informed the council that due to concerns expressed to him regarding his personal property inside Bayloop Road, he had second thoughts about his motion to annex property inside Bayloop at no charge. Councilman King motioned to rescind his original motion of July 27, 2006 to annex property into the City limits at no charge until November 30, 2006, Councilwoman Arrant seconded. There was no public or council discussion, the motion carried 5-0.

Councilman King motioned to open annexation to contiguous properties of the current boundaries of the City of Freeport inside the Bayloop Road area for a fee of \$750 per parcel, Councilwoman Arrant seconded. There was no public or council discussion, the motion carried 5-0.

With no other business, Councilman Helton motioned to adjourn at 7:35 p.m.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

J.M. Marse, Mayor

Robin Haynes, City Clerk

Earl King, President of Council